

HOME AGAIN.

On Oct. 14, I took the train for my home in Parkersburg, W. Va. Arrived safe in the evening, and arranged for leaving our old home here and going to our new one in Pittsburg. And on the 19, I took the train for Terra Alta, W. Va., to conduct a meeting I had arranged for before I took charge of the work at Pittsburg. Got there in the evening, found Brother Freeland at the depot awaiting my coming, and to inform me that all things were in readiness for us. After we had some refreshments we went to their new church to commence an attack on the enemies' fort, which we kept up until the 29, when we closed with a glorious communion service. The house was packed to overflowing, and yet we had the very best of order, far beyond what would have been expected. I did not count the communicants, but I think there were near fifty at the tables, and it was a feast indeed, as it was their first for years. Brother George Bucklew is their pastor, with Brother Freeland as his right hand man. They are earnest, Christian workers, well spoken of by all who know them. The immediate result, five; two by baptism and three from the G. B. church.

On the 30, we bade farewell to Terra Alta, and came to Big Tree, Pa., to attend a communion in the Quiet Dale congregation on the 2nd of this month, and which was a very pleasant feast, as it was their first in their new house, and the first for many of the members at that place. On the following day we bade farewell to friends there, and wife and I started for Pittsburg, where we arrived at about 10 o'clock in the evening. When entering the home of Brother and Sister Henry where I had been boarding while here, and where wife and I expect to continue to board, we found some twenty-five or more of our good brethren and sisters in waiting to give us a reception by a complete surprise, which they did to perfection, which completely unnerved your servant for the first time in our experience in surprise parties. But after a few moments forethought, and to take in the situation we managed to introduce Mrs. Wise. And in a few minutes we found ourselves seated at the table bountifully supplied, and after taking some ice cream to cool our blood a little we felt we were ourselves again, and enjoyed the remainder of the evening splendidly. Thanks to all the kind friends.

On Sabbath morning we went to the church to enjoy with the Brethren and friends, the sixth anniversary of the organization of their Sabbath-school. We just had a grand time indeed, as all were

full of the Spirit and over-flowing with love to God at the remembrance of the glorious results of this organization, as it was the seed planted that brought forth the Brethren church in this place. Bless God for the Sabbath-school and the great hearted Sabbath-school workers here and everywhere. To his name be glory forever and ever, Amen. H. WISE.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

We began our protracted meeting to-day. It rained very hard this morning, yet we had a very good congregation. To-night the house was comfortably filled. We baptized one to-night, and two others publicly confessed Christ. We hope to have a good meeting, we have some good spiritual mission workers. We have started upon our fourth year's work here and have never had the slightest jar. I wish more of our brethren could visit us, so that our people would be better known in the brotherhood. I had an idea before I came here that these people were hard to get along with, that they were carnal, etc. It is true we have some dead weight as we find in every church, but in all my travels I have never found a more warm hearted, earnest, devoted, sacrificing church than we have here. I have never been pastor of, or held revivals in, any church that so many hold up my hands by their faithful, devoted prayers and earnest work. For this I am so thankful. In my travels for college, and in evangelical work, I have, as Paul come in contact with carnal brethren, covetous brethren, selfish brethren, and even at times false brethren, suspicious brethren, some would impugn my motives, endeavor to take away my Gospel freedom, misrepresent my work, etc. After going through such a "flint mill" no one but God knows how I appreciate my home church, where I am best known and loved, where absolute Gospel liberty is given me, where I can talk with more ease and double the power. Oh, I pray God that we here may double, yea, double again and again, our love and spiritual power. If there is any thing my heart desires above all else, it is Gospel love. Love that puts Gospel above church, creed, self and tradition. Brethren, let us pray for love, sympathy, earnestness, and spiritual power. I believe we need pentecostal power a *thousand fold* more than better organization. We may organize until we may have wheels within wheels, but unless they are oiled with the Spirit they only make the spiritual mill run harder. We need intellect but we need heart development a *hundred fold* more than one-sided education to-day.

Not by might, power, means, wisdom, excellency of speech, but by the Spirit that the work is done. May we believe and trust God, and not fear what man may do unto us. Brethren, we ask you to earnestly pray for us.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

FROM GARWIN, IOWA.

We held our annual business meeting this 9th day of Nov., 1895. The officers elected were as follows:

Secretary, C. K. Strong,
Treasurer, H. J. Marsh,
Correspondent to the EVANGELIST, F. M. Chase,
Pastor, Fetter Hall,
Soliciting agent for the EVANGELIST, Alice Paige,
Soliciting agent for King's Children, Zella Hall,
Solicitor for Home Mission fund, Emma Paige,
Solicitor for General Mission fund, Asa Hall.

Brother Fetter Hall has been our pastor for two years, and we have elected him for the third year, granting him the liberty to work in other fields at will. A vote of thanks was tendered to brother W. C. Thomas for his services as treasurer the last two years. Ex-treasurer brother W. C. Thomas, having already purchased property in Mississippi, and will move to his future home in December. We are very, very sorry that Brother Thomas and family are going away. They are highly esteemed by all, and will be missed by all who know them. Brother Thomas is a church worker, and also he is our elder. Brother Thomas has been a great help to the church at this place, and we trust he will continue to do good and work for the Master when he has settled down in his new home. Their daughter sister Ada Applegait will remain with us yet a little while and then we expect she will also go to the sweet sunny south to live.

F. M. CHASE.

P. S.—We have set apart the sum of money apportioned us to liquidate the college debt.

FROM GRETNA, O.

Our communion is in the past. We were glad to enjoy another privilege of meeting with God's people and partaking of the ordinances as he has delivered them. Brother M. White is our pastor, brother A. J. Baughman assisting him in the services. Although our band is small, we are trying, in our weak way to serve the Master.

Nov. 21. MRS. HATTIE MILLER.